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Art Unit	3611
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In re Patent Application of:

William B. Ardern II

Attorney Docket No. ARD-101US

Serial No. 10/664,634

Group Art Unit: 3611

Filed: September 19, 2003

Examiner: Gary Chapman Hoge

Title: BINDER CLIP SLEEVE

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Sir:

Applicant petitions for withdrawal of the captioned application from issue. In support of the petition, Applicant states as follows:

1. On October 20, 2005, the issue fee was paid.
2. Subsequent to payment of the issue fee, counsel learned that office actions had issued in connection with Applicant's two pending design patent applications identified by U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 29/190,249 and 29/190,250. The office actions included art information not cited in connection with the captioned application.
3. Accompanying is a Request for Continued Examination of the captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 together with an Information Disclosure Statement seeking to have the information from the design patent applications considered in connection with the captioned application.
4. In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the captioned application from issuance would be appropriate so that such art information can be duly considered by the Office.

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5. Applicant requests a refund of the \$700 issue fee and \$300 publication fee. Kindly credit Deposit Account 10-0270 for the amount of such fees.

The Office is invited to call the undersigned if that would be of assistance in resolving any issue regarding this Petition. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0270 for the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) and any other fees which may due in connection with this application. It is believed that the fee under §1.17(h) is \$130. Kindly notify the undersigned in the event that the deposit account is debited or credited.

Respectfully submitted,

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